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July 25, 2003

**Policy Brief.....FY 2004 VA/HUD/Independent Agencies Appropriations  
 (H.R. 2861)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, subject to an open rule.

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

*Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars*

	<b>FY '03 Enacted</b>	<b>FY '04 Request</b>	<b>FY '04 Cmte Bill</b>
Regular Appropriations	86,717	89,634	90,033

**The Committee bill is:**

- **\$3.316 billion or 3.8% above last year and**
- **\$399 million or 0.4% above the President's request.**

**FUNDING SUMMARIES:**

**Total Spending**

*Dollars in Millions*

	<b>FY 2003 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2004 Request</b>	<b>FY 2004 Cmte</b>	<b>Cmte Vs. FY 2003</b>	<b>Cmte Vs. Request</b>	<b>Cmte Vs. FY 2003</b>	<b>Cmte Vs. Request</b>
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>	58,100.4	60,718.9	60,721.0	2,620.5	2.1	4.5%	0.0%
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development (net)</b>	31,008.9	31,729.6	31,826.3	817,398.0	96,694.0	2.6%	0.3%

*Dollars in Thousands*

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Request	FY 2004 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2003	Cmte Vs. Request	Cmte Vs. FY 2003	Cmte Vs. Request
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>							
Compensation, Pension, and Burial Benefits	28,949,000	28,845,127	29,845,127	896,127	1,000,000	3.10%	3.47%
VA Medical Care	23,889,304	25,218,080	0	-23,889,304	-25,218,080	-100.00%	-100.00%
Medical Services Priority 1-6 Vets	0	0	15,779,220	15,779,220	15,779,220		
Medical Services Priority 7-8 Vets	0	0	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000		
Medical Administration	0	0	5,118,000	5,118,000	5,118,000		
Medical Facilities	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000		
Medical and Prosthetic Research	397,400	408,000	408,000	10,600	0	2.67%	0.00%
VA General Operating Expenses	1,245,849	1,283,272	1,283,272	37,423	0	3.00%	0.00%
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>							
Housing Certificate Fund	17,111,613	0	18,430,606	1,318,993	18,430,606	7.71%	
Housing Assistance for Needy Families	0	12,535,201	0	0	-12,535,201		-100.00%
Project-Based Rental Assistance	0	4,823,405	0	0	-4,823,405		-100.00%
HOPE VI	570,269	0	50,000	-520,269	50,000	-91.23%	
Community Development Block Grants	4,904,909	4,716,000	4,959,000	54,091	243,000	1.10%	5.15%
Brownfields	24,837	0	25,000	163	25,000	0.66%	
Home Investment Partnerships Program	1,987,000	2,197,400	2,064,100	77,100	-133,300	3.88%	-6.07%
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,217,037	1,325,000	1,242,000	24,963	-83,000	2.05%	-6.26%
Samaritan Housing Initiative	0	50,000	0	0	-50,000		-100.00%
<b>Independent Agencies</b>							
Community Development Financial Institutions	74,512	51,000	51,000	-23,512	0	-31.55%	0.00%
Consumer Product Safety Commission	56,629	60,000	60,000	3,371	0	5.95%	0.00%
AmeriCorps	326,211	472,742	363,452	37,241	-109,290	11.42%	-23.12%
NIH's Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	83,528	78,744	80,000	-3,528	1,256	-4.22%	1.60%
EPA Science and Technology	715,579	731,483	767,115	51,536	35,632	7.20%	4.87%
EPA Environmental Programs and Management	2,097,879	2,219,659	2,192,552	94,673	-27,107	4.51%	-1.22%
Superfund	1,264,614	1,389,716	1,275,000	10,386	-114,716	0.82%	-8.25%
State and Tribal Assistance Grants	3,834,905	3,121,200	3,601,950	-232,955	480,750	-6.07%	15.40%
EOP's Office of Science and Technology Policy	5,333	7,027	7,027	1,694	0	31.76%	0.00%
Council on Environmental Quality	3,011	3,238	3,238	227	0	7.54%	0.00%
NASA	15,338,907	15,469,300	15,540,300	201,393	71,000	1.31%	0.46%
National Science Foundation	5,309,951	5,481,200	5,639,070	329,119	157,870	6.20%	2.88%
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	104,317	115,000	115,000	10,683	0	10.24%	0.00%

## Discretionary Spending

*Dollars in Millions*

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2003	Cmte Vs. FY 2003
Department of Veterans Affairs.....	26,421	28,011	1,590	6.02%
Department of Housing and Urban Development.....	30,645	31,829	1,184	3.86%
EPA.....	8,079	8,005	-74	-0.92%
NASA.....	15,341	15,540	199	1.30%
National Science Foundation.....	5,311	5,639	328	6.18%
Other.....	920	1,009	89	9.67%
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>86,717</b>	<b>90,033</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>3.82%</b>

**Committee Action:** The Appropriations Committee reported the bill on July 24, 2003.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** The committee report, #108-235, remains unavailable.

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